

SOUTH BEND



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Building a 21st Century City
MAYOR STEPHEN J. LUECKE

Letter from the Mayor

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

School is back in session (please drive safely!) and we are transitioning from summer to fall. As the leaves begin to change colors, we're reminded of the magnificent urban forest in our city. South Bend has been named a Tree City USA for nine consecutive years. We are proud of this recognition of our commitment to being a green city. When you travel throughout our city, you'll notice that the leaves are not the only things that are changing. Many exciting developments are taking place, expanding services for our residents and strengthening our position as the regional center for commerce.

Madison Center is constructing a \$20 million, 80,000 square foot healthcare facility for older adults – one of the first of its kind in the nation. The Geropsychology Institute will not only offer diagnostic services and treatment for seniors, but will also house a research center, a chapel for spirituality programs, a patient education facility and several retail establishments. It is a welcome addition to our City and will increase the quality of life for those it serves.

Other new investment in the Downtown/East Bank area includes South Bend Clinic's expansion of their existing 100,000 sq. ft. South Bend medical facility with an additional 85,000 sq ft state-of-the-art surgery and diagnostic center, as well as two submerged parking structures which will bring parking capacity to a total of 650 spaces. Total project investment will be \$35 million (\$29 in construction and \$6 million in furnishings.) The current land and building are appraised at \$9.5 million. Just across the river, Memorial Hospital is also reinvesting in our community. Work has begun on the largest expansion in their 112 year history. This project will increase their surgical care capacity by 53 percent. Memorial was recently named one of the top 100 hospitals in the nation. We are fortunate to have such quality healthcare in South Bend.

Our Downtown welcomes the South Bend Community School Corporation to its new administrative offices at 215 South St. Joseph Street. This state of the art building is a handsome improvement to the cityscape. It provides high quality space for offices and programming and brings hundreds of professionals from the School Corp. into the core of downtown. Just up the street, Sean O'Casey's Irish Pub has opened in the Marriott Hotel. It offers a tribute to Irish culture where you can stop in for meals or libations with family and friends to enjoy the age old Irish tradition of "craic" (Celtic for "good times" or "good fun").

The City of South Bend continues to invest in new facilities. On August 17, we broke ground for a new Fire Station 2 at Lincolnway West and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Our Fire Department is also developing plans and seeking funding to construct a Regional Training Facility at a site on the airport grounds. This facility would provide training for police, fire and other emergency personnel.

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THIS MONTH...

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Studebaker Cafe Open for Business

The Morris

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

2006 FALL SCHEDULE

September

- 20 Staind with Hinder, Three Days Grace, & Black Stone Cherry
- 28 Barney Live - "Let's Go" Tour

October

- 5 SB Symphony Masterworks - Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" with Aaron Berofsky, Violin
- 6 Friends of Bob & Tom Comedy Tour
- 13-15 "The Producers" presented by Broadway Theatre League
- 19 Jars of Clay
- 20 Olivia Newton John
- 23 Blue Man Group
- 25 Vince Gill

November

- 4 Chicago in Concert
- 11 SB Symphony Masterworks - Percussion Group Cincinnati
- 12 Beach Boys
- 14-16 Stomp presented by the Broadway Theatre League
- 24 Kenny Rogers Christmas Concert & Hits

For more information, please call the Morris Box Office at 574/235-9190, or visit

www.morriscenter.org

Visit Our Website at www.SouthBendIN.gov!



COMING SOON... FALLING LEAVES & LEAF PICKUP!

This fall, the City will again offer its loose leaf pickup program, Operation ReLeaf, beginning on October 30 and continuing through December 1. Pickup schedules will be available in the South Bend Tribune, and online at www.SouthBendIN.gov, but may be subject to change, depending on weather and leaf volume.

When raking leaves for loose leaf pickup, residents are asked to please follow these guidelines:

- Keep leaves on the curbline.
- Do not contaminate leaf piles with sticks, trash, and other debris that will damage the Leaf Vacs.
- Never allow children to play in leaf piles at the curb!
- Vehicles should never park on top of leaves raked onto the street.
- Burning of leaves is totally prohibited in the City of South Bend.

Bagged leaf pickup will also be available through the City's Yard Waste Pickup Program. For more information, please call the Bureau of Streets at 235-9244.

All loose leaves are taken to Organic Resources and recycled into high quality mulch and compost, thereby diverting them from our landfill! Free mulch and compost are available by calling 287-6841.

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It would serve seven counties in Homeland Security Region 2 and help all our public safety personnel to be properly prepared for any type of emergency.

Businesses are not only investing in bricks and mortar, but also in volunteering. The Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County and the School Corporation have joined together to create Partner-Up!, a program which links local companies with South Bend primary schools. Volunteers from participating organizations are paired with students to mentor them or read with them once a week. This valuable program is rewarding for all involved. I urge you to consider volunteering. Call 574-283-8088 to learn more about the Partner-Up! Program.

Change can be challenging, but change can be good. These investments are exciting for South Bend. They show that our city is healthy and attractive to entrepreneurs. With so many good partners we will continue our progress toward being a model 21st Century City.

Sincerely,
Mayor Steve



YWCA Launches "Paint the Town Purple" Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign

In support of domestic violence survivors in our community, and to honor those who have lost their lives, the YWCA of St. Joseph County will launch the Paint the Town Purple campaign on October 1, in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The month-long campaign will focus on raising public awareness of domestic violence and its impact in St. Joseph County, and encourage the community to identify realistic and sustainable alternatives to violence.

In conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the YWCA will also observe a Week Without Violence, from Sunday, October 15 to Saturday, October 21. A candlelight vigil to remember victims of violence will kick-off the week on Sunday, October 16 at 7 p.m., in the parking lot of the YWCA.

Please consider which of the following practical ways you or your organization can show your support during the month of October:

- Install a purple bulb in your porch light or string purple lights on a tree or bush
- Tie purple ribbons on a tree or make a purple window display for your home or business
- Wear a purple ribbon or purchase a purple ribbon lapel pin or bumper sticker from the YWCA
- Talk about domestic violence issues with family and friends
- Make a contribution to the YWCA to support services for victims

For a complete list of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Week Without Violence activities, and information on how you can get involved, call (574)233-9491 or visit the YWCA website at ywcasjc.org.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS
at Studebaker National Museum
201 S. Chapin St.
Wed-Fri, 8am-3pm; Sat, 10am-2pm;
Sun, 12-2pm

Breakfast: Specialty coffees, espresso, lattes, teas, pastries, muffins, "Bendix" bagels, fruit & yogurt

Lunch: Homemade soups & salads, including "Golden Hawk" house salad, sandwiches such as the "Rockne" roast beef, and paninis, ice cream, snacks, soft drinks

Enjoy Outdoor dining! Available for groups. For more information, call 235-9714.

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